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SUBJECT: CIEC: JAN 24 G-8 MEETING

1. G-8 EXHIBITED VIRTUALLY FULL AGREEMENT WITH US POSITIONS AT JAN 24 G-8 MEETING. FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED.

2. THERE WAS FULL AGREEMENT THAT SCHEDULE FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS PUT FORWARD BY G-19 UNACCEPTABLE. ALL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED US VIEW THAT COMMISSION MEETINGS SHOULD LAST NO MORE THAN 3-5 DAYS, BE SPACED AT 4-6 WEEK INTERVALS, AND TAKE PLACE CONSECUTIVELY RATHER THAN SIMULTANEOUSLY.

3. FOLLOWING SWEDISH SUGGESTION THAT DC CO-CHAIRMEN SHOW WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER G-19 NEEDS BY AGREEING FROM OUTSET TO LENGTHY BREAK FOR UNCTAD, SWISS REP (JOLLES) ARGUED STRONGLY THAT DCS SHOULD RESIST LINKING UNCTAD TO CIEC AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, AND SHOULD NOT AGREE AT OUTSET TO A TIMETABLE FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS EXPLICITLY STRUCTURED AROUND UNCTAD. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT G-19 WILL ATTEMPT NOT ONLY TO PURSUE UNCTAD STYLE OF OPERATION IN CIEC BUT ALSO TO USE CIEC IN PART AS PREPARATION FOR UNCTAD, BOTH OF WHICH DCS SHOULD RESIST STRONGLY

4. US REP (BOSWORTH) AGREED WITH JOLLES ON PRINCIPLE OF KEEPING UNCTAD AND CIEC SEPARATE AND STATED THAT G-8 SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD DIMINISH THIS SEPARATION. HE ADDED THAT IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, WE SHOULD ENVISAGE SOME DECELERATION OF CIEC IN APRIL AND MAY BECAUSE MANY OF SAME OFFICIALS WILL BE ENGAGED IN UNCTAD CIEC PREPARATIONS. US REP WENT ON TO SAY WE SEE NO OBLIGATION TO SETTLE ISSUE OF COMMISSION TIMETABLE AT CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING IF AGREEMENT PROVES DIFFICULT, SINCE INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP RATIONAL SCHEDULES AND OUR POSITION ON TIMETABLES WOULD LIKELY BE STRONGER IN COMMISSION, WHERE REPS WOULD BE OFFICIALS WITH STRONG INTEREST IN SUBJECT MATTER. IN VIEW OF STRONG G-19 ATTITUDE RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE AT CO-

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CHAIRMEN'S MEETING WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE DC COMPROMISE TOWARD G-19 PREFERENCE FOR LONG MEETINGS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT WE FORESEE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME COMMISSIONS MAY DECIDE TO SET UP ADHOC WORKING PARTIES OR SMALL EXPERT GROUPS BETWEEN MEETINGS. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THERE WOULD IN PRACTICE BE FORMAL ACTIVITY DURING PERIODS BETWEEN FORMAL MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS.

5. DU PUY AGREED TO PU:T G-8 POSITION ON TIMING OF

MEETINGS STRONGLY TO VENEZUELAN. HE ALSO AGREED IN GENERAL THAT IF ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION CANNOT BE REACHED BY CO-CHAIRMEN THIS NEXT WEEK, COMMISSIONS SHOULD SIMPLY BE LEFT FREE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN TIMETABLES. HE ADDED CAVEAT THAT ENOUGH FEEL FOR COMMISSION OPERATING PROCEDURE SHOULD EMERGE FROM JAN, 26 MEETING TO ALLOW BUDGET TO BE PREPARED AND APPROVED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY IN FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

6. DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. FIELD WAS NARROWED TO SWISS AND SPANISH CANDIDATES (HENTSCH AND ALVAREZ DE EULATE) AS JAPANESE AND EC (UK OFFICIAL SCOTT) CANDIDATES WERE WITHDRAWN. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT BOTH HENTSCH AND ALVAREZ ARE WELL QUALIFIED. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, SPANISH AND SWISS WERE URGED TO WORK THIS ISSUE OUT BETWEEN THEMSELVES, WITH A DEADLINE OF MONDAY.

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7. DISCUSSION OF BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS AMONG EIGHT.

GROUP AGREED TO FORMULA BASED ON MIX OF COMMISSION SEATS AND GNP WHICH EMERGED FROM JAN. 16 G-8 MEETING, SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE BY EC, WHICH WAS NOT YET PREPARED TO STATE POSITION. UNDER THIS FORMULA US AND EC CONTRIBUTION WILL BE LIMITED TO 25 PER CENT.

8. OBSERVERS. NO DECISION WAS TAKEN ON WHICH OBSERVERS SHOULD ATTEND WHICH COMMISSIONS. OECD DEPUTY SECGEN ELDIN INDICATED THAT OECD WOULD WANT TO ATTEND ALL COMMISSIONS AND THAT IEA SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN FINANCE AS WELL AS ENERGY COMMISSION. BOSWORTH NOTED THAT OUR VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO CAPITALS, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED BEFORE COMMISSIONS MEET IN ORDER TO AVOID SITUATION IN WHICH ALL ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN COMMUNIQUE SHOW UP AT ALL COMMISSIONS. HE SUGGESTED GENERAL FORMULA IN WHICH ALL LISTED ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE REPRESENTED PERMANENTLY ON AT LEAST THOSE COMMISSIONS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A CLEAR AND CONTINUING INTEREST; THEY WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND SESSIONS OF OTHER COMMISSIONS WHEN ISSUES OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO THEM WERE BEING ADDRESSED; AND ORGANIZATIONS NOT LISTED IN COMMUNIQUE WOULD ALSO BE INVITED BY COM-

MISSIONS TO ATTEND DISCUSSIONS OF SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR
INTEREST TO THEM.

9. RESPONSE TO G-19 LIST OF COMMISSION TOPICS. THERE
WAS FULL AGREEMENT THAT G-8 SHOULD NOT SEEK TO PRESENT
LIST TO CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING, THAT G-19 LIST SHOULD BE
RECEIVED WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT AND ACCORDED PRE-
CISELY SAME STATUS AS LISTS PRESENTED AT PREPCON II.
DU PUY SAID THAT PEREZ-GUERRERO INTENDED FORMALLY TO
PRESENT G-19 LIST TO CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING ON BEHALF OF
G-19 AND SAW NO WAY FOR CO-CHAIRMEN TO REFUSE TO RECEIVE
IT. CANADIANS WOULD, HOWEVER, SEE THAT LIST HAD NO MORE
STATUS THAN LISTS PRESENTED TO PREPCON II BY US AND
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SEVEN. IT WOULD THUS SIMPLY BE MADE A CONFERENCE DOCUMENT IN MANNER WHICH AVOIDS IMPLICATION THAT CO-CHAIRMEN HAVE ENDORSED OR EVEN "NOTED" IT. NO DELEGATION DISAGREED WITH BOSWORTH'S SUGGESTION THAT IEA AND OECD BACKSTOPPING GROUPS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FORA WITHIN WHICH DCS SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PREPARE ADDITIONAL LISTS FOR TABLING DURING FIRST MEETINGS OF THE RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS.

10. WORK AT COMMISSIONS AND COORDINATION AMONG THEM. THIS TOPIC AROSE BECAUSE THE CHAIRMAN ASKED CO-CHAIRMEN OF INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS TO PROVIDE THEIR PRESENT THINKING ON HOW WORK OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS MIGHT PROCEED. DISCUSSION WAS DISJOINTED. BOSWORTH PRESENTED SUMMARY STATEMENT OF HOW ENERGY COMMISSION MIGHT MOVE FROM GENERAL ANALYSIS OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ENERGY AND THE WORLD ECONOMY AND AN EFFORT TO REACH CONSENSUS ON ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND OUTLOOK TO MORE SPECIFIC TOPICS AND POSSIBLE MEANS OF COOPERATION. MIYAZAKI (RAW MATERIALS) HAD NOT YET WORKED OUT HIS IDEAS. WELLENSTEIN (DEVELOPMENT) WAS NOT PRESENT, AND CASPARI DID NOT FEEL HE COULD SPEAK FOR HIM. DONDELINGER (FINANCE) THOUGHT HIS GROUP SHOULD BEGIN WITH ISSUES NOT SUBJECT TO PRIOR WORK IN THE COMMISSIONS. HE CITED MONETARY ISSUES AS EXAMPLE OF WORK FINANCE COMMITTEE COULD TAKE UP EARLY IN PROGRAM. DONDELINGER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CO-CHAIRMEN COULD MEET TO DISCUSS ORDER IN WHICH INDI-

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VIDUAL COMMISSIONS WOULD TAKE UP PARTICULAR ITEMS.

11. MOST INTERESTING ELEMENT OF DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON DONDELINGER'S COMMENT ABOUT MEETINGS OF CO-CHAIRMEN. SWEDISH REP CAUTIONED AGAINST TOO READY REFERENCE OF PROBLEMS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS TO CO-CHAIRMEN'S GROUP; HE THOUGHT OFFICIAL LEVEL CIEC MEETING MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE BODY TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE WITHIN COMMISSIONS. US (BOSWORTH) ALSO CAUTIONED AGAINST GIVING CO-CHAIRMEN'S GROUP TOO MUCH OF A SUB-STANTIVE OVERVIEW ROLE. HE NOTED THAT DC CO-CHAIRMEN MIGHT HAVE TO FACE NEXT WEEK REQUEST FROM LDC CO-CHAIR-MEN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN. WE WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THIS. DUPLICATION OF WORK AMONG COMMISSIONS WAS TO BE EXPECTED AND DID NOT BOTHER US SINCE THERE ARE SEVERAL GENERAL TOPICS WHICH COULD BE USEFULLY EXAMINED BY MORE THAN ONE COMMISSION. DCS NEEDED TO VIEW WORK OF COMMISSIONS IN COMPOSITE WAY, AND THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH OECD/IEA BACK-STANDING GROUPS PLUS THE XCSS. SWISS AND SPANISH REPS ALSO CAUTIONED AGAINST BUILDING UP CO-CHAIRMEN INTO STEERING GROUP AND INDICATED SUPPORT FOR USE OF OECD BACKSTOPPING GROUPS TO COORDINATE VIEWS. (EC REPS WERE SILENT ON ROLE OF OECD BODIES.)

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